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Title

: METHOD FOR EVALUATING DYNAMIC IMAGE CODE

COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPARATUS FOR EVALUATING THE SAME

## **Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## REPLY TO ACTION OF OCTOBER 22, 2004

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claims 6-15 and 20-27 include allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-5 and 16-19, however, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Nos. 5,509,020 (Iwakiri et al.) in view of 6,697,433 (Isu et al.).

## The Law of Obviousness

A claimed invention is unpatentable due to obviousness if the differences between it and the prior art "are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person of ordinary skill in the art." 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

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